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Dear Hollister Staff,

As a student at North Carolina State University, my goal is to graduate prepared to be a great school leader. To accomplish this goal, your principal, Mrs. Amason, has graciously granted me the opportunity to learn under her and the staff at Hollister Elementary. I am truly excited to grow professionally and personally during this 2011-12 school year.

For the past 11 years, I have worked as a Speech-Language Pathologist for the Roanoke Rapids Graded School District. This past year, as I studied at NCSU, I also worked in various leadership roles for the district. This coming year, I will be working beside each of you during two days a week.

As we work together, I hope you will notice my passion for children. My mission is to inspire and equip all students to reach their greatest potential. I believe that all students can be successful. To ensure success, each second of every school day should center on what is best for each individual student. Through teamwork, our efforts can be multiplied!

When chosen to work at Hollister Elementary, I could not wait to get started. Hollister is such a unique community deeply rooted in culture. I am excited to learn more about the Hollister community and the resources the community has for your students. I believe that community involvement is key for student success.

Lastly, my pledge to each of you is this: I promise to show you my sense of *duty* as I will fulfill my obligations. I will show *respect* by treating people as they should be treated. I will always demonstrate i*ntegrity* as I do what is right, legally and morally.

This is going to be a great year. I look forward to getting to know each of you!

Sincerely,

Shelley Williams

Principal Intern